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NEXT AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1204:

WWCR: Thu 2030 on 15825, Sat 1030, Sun 0230 on 5070, 0630 on 3210, Wed 1030 on 9475

RFPI: Sat 0130, 0800, 2330, Sun 0530, 1130, Mon 0030, 0630, 1230, Wed 0100, 0730 on 7445 [times nominal, subject to great variation]

WRMI: Sat 1800+ on 15725

WBCQ: Mon 0515 on 7415, 5105

WRN : Rest of world Sat 0800, Europe Sun 0530, North America Sun 1500

WRN ONDEMAND [from Fri]:

<http://new.wrn.org/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24>

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO [also for CONTINENT OF MEDIA, MUNDO RADIAL]:

Check <http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>

WORLD OF RADIO 1204 (high version):

(stream) <http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1204h.ram>

(download) <http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1204h.rm>

(summary) <http://www.worldofradio.com/wor1204.html> [from Thu]

WORLD OF RADIO 1204 (low version):

(stream) <http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1204.ram>

(download) <http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1204.rm>

MUNDO RADIAL - El informe DX mensual de Glenn Hauser, en el aire desde el 21 de octubre en WWCR 15825: martes 2130, miÈrcoles 2100, viernes

2115; pero a partir del 28 de oct, 9475 y una hora m·s tarde. Adem·s:

Escuchar en dos partes, corriente: <http://www.w4uvh.net/mr0310a.ram>
<http://www.w4uvh.net/mr0310b.ram>

Escuchar en dos partes, bajable: <http://www.w4uvh.net/mr0310a.rm>
<http://www.w4uvh.net/mr0310b.rm>

Gui n: <http://www.worldofradio.com/mr0310.html>

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

Congratulations & welcome back! I use the data that both you & Glen[n] publish all the time. It's really great to have such info available for us SWL's almost on a daily basis. I have been an SWL since the early 50's. There is no way that the SWL community will ever be able to properly thank Glen Hauser for his timeless efforts in reporting the "World of Radio" to all of us. Thanks to both of you! Sincerely yours, (Stephen E. Foisey (WPE1IC) KB1EWF, to John Norfolk)

And thank you for your kind words! (John Norfolk)

THORD KNUTSSON

Amigos, tive contato frequente com Thord Knuttson (editor do WRTH para o Brasil) durante alguns anos por causa da contribui  o habitual que prestava a ele com informa  es atualizadas sobre emissoras brasileiras de ondas m  dias e curtas, tal como o fazia o Claudio Rotolo e o Djaci Franklin. Thord veio para o Paraguai h  uns 2 meses, e voltamos a nos comunicar depois de seu retorno. Repentinamente, ocorreu o sil ncio.

N o me pronunciei antes, mas no dia 15 de outubro, recebi um email pessoal da esposa e do filho, noticiando o seu falecimento em 8 de outubro. O que mais me sensibilizou   que ele pediu que a fam lia me enviasse um livro, e no email a esposa e o filho escrevem: "Por favor, lembre-se sempre de Thord quando receber este livro". Triste.

N o tive oportunidade de conhece-lo pessoalmente durante os anos em que mantivemos contato, mas, tivemos uma amizade muito boa, tratando inclusive de temas que n o eram de r dio apenas.

Uma perda muito mais significativa do que imaginamos.
Um abra o a todos, e a lembran a deste grande amigo,

(Rudolf Grimm, S o Bernardo, SP, radioescutas via DXLD)

Rudolf e demais amigos, Ficamos muito chateados com o passamento de Thord Knutsson. Logo ap s o lan amento da primeira edi  o da Lista de Ondas M  dias ele nos remeteu uma vasta lista de corre  es, demonstrando um esp rito de coopera  o fora do normal. Os amigos que

j. baixaram a segunda edição da lista poder, o observar o nome de Knutsson na lista de colaboradores. Uma grande perda, sem dúvida. 73 (Caio Fernandes Lopes, ibid.)

** AFGHANISTAN. According to a report in The Times October 20th, the Taliban insurgents have set up mobile radio stations along the Pakistani border that broadcast their propaganda messages. These stations often operate from mosques during the evenings (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) WTFK???

** AUSTRALIA. I was at Cooktown last week 14th October, which is 250 km north of Cairns in far north Queensland, using an ICOM R75 and 150 metres of wire running off a car battery. A request from ARDS 5050 kc/s for a reception report from Dale Chesson --- anyway the signal was poor to fair level only. After 0800 UT which is 6 pm local time. The signal is apparently directed towards the east of Darwin ex (Humpty doo), and they initially thought that they would get a good signal into Far North Queensland. Well, this is not the case. Regards (John Wright, ARDXC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. Noticia extraída de la Lista Noticias DX, preparada por los colegas españoles:

Según nos informa Manuel Aletrino, el próximo 2 de Enero de 2004 RADIO AUSTRIA INTERNACIONAL volverá a emitir un programa diario en español de cinco minutos. En principio las frecuencias serán las habituales, aunque falta por confirmar las horas. Atentos pues a las 2030 UT, por 5945 y 6155 kHz, últimos datos de su emisión hacia España. Información de Francisco Rubio (via Arnaldo Slaen, Conexión Digital via DXLD)

** BELGIUM [and non]. About the new RVI schedule. I noticed that 13790 is included on the DTK list. About DAB Klassiek: this is nonstop classical music from the digital audio service (Silvain Domen, Belgium, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Some deputies and senators want to do away with the fixed schedule of Voz do Brasil, an hour at 2200/2100 UT, transforming it into spots of 1.5 to 3 minutes, which would be circulated to the some 3000 radio stations in the country, according to Folha de São Paulo via Sarmiento Campos (Célio Romais, @tividade DX) Show has already been modernized. A lot of interior stations relay by picking it up on other stations. Only about 700 of them could get it via internet, studies show (SRDXC News)(SWBC Global Forum, Dec MONITORING TIMES via DXLD)

** CZECH REPUBLIC [and non]. RADIO PRAGUE - WINTER PERIOD 2003/2004 Program UTC kHz m kW Area

CZECH

0930 - 0957 11600 25 100 SW Europe
 21745 13 100 E Africa/ Mi East
 1030 - 1057 21745 13 100/100 S Asia/ W Africa
 1200 - 1227 11640 25 100 N Europe
 21745 13 100 S Asia/ Australia
 1330 - 1357 6055 49 100 C Europe
 7345 41 100 W Europe
 1430 - 1457 21745 13 100/100 E Africa/ N America
 1630 - 1657 5930 49 100 W Europe
 17485 16 100 C&W Africa
 1830 - 1857 5930 49 100 W Europe
 9415 31 100 Asia/ Australia
 2030 - 2057 5930 49 100 W Europe
 9430 31 100 S&E Asia/ Australia
 2200 - 2227 5930 49 100 SW Europe (S America)
 9435 31 100 S America/SW Europe
 0030 - 0057 5915 49 100 S America
 7345 41 100 N America
 0230 - 0257 6200 49 100 N America
 7345 41 200 S America
 0330 - 0357 6200 49 100 N America
 7345 41 100

GERMAN

0730 - 0757 5930 49 100 W Europe
 7345 41 100 Europe
 1100 - 1127 7345 41 100 C Europe
 9880 31 100 W Europe
 1300 - 1329 6055 49 100 C Europe
 7345 41 100 W Europe
 1600 - 1627 5930 49 100 W Europe
 1730 - 1757 ** 5990 49 250 W Europe

ENGLISH

0800 - 0827 7345 41 100 NW Europe
 9880 31 100
 1000 - 1029 21745 13 100/100 S Asia/ W Africa
 1130 - 1157 11640 25 100 N Europe
 21745 13 100 E Africa/ Mi East
 1400 - 1429 21745 13 100/100 E Africa/ N America
 1700 - 1727 5930 49 100 NW Europe
 17485 16 100 C&W Africa
 1800 - 1827 5930 49 100 NW Europe
 9415 31 100 Asia/ Australia
 2100 - 2127 5930 49 100 NW Europe (N America)
 9430 31 100 S&E Asia/ Australia
 2230 - 2257 7345 41 100 N America
 9435 31 100 W Africa

2330 - 2357 5915 49 100 N America
 7345 41 100
 0100 - 0127 6200 49 100 N America
 7345 41 100
 0200 - 0227 6200 49 100 N America
 7345 41 200
 0400 - 0427 6200 49 100 N America
 7345 41 100
 0430 - 0457 9865 31 100 Mi East/ SW Asia
 11600 25 100
 [part of English schedule on WOR 1204]

SPANISH

0900 - 0927 11600 25 100 SW Europe
 15255 19 100
 1500 - 1527 11600 25 100 SW Europe
 13580 22 100
 1900 - 1927 5930 49 100 SW Europe
 9430 31 100
 2000 - 2027 5930 49 100 SW Europe
 9430 31 100
 2130 - 2157 5930 49 100 SW Europe (SAmerica)
 9435 31 100
 0000 - 0027 5915 49 100 S America
 7345 41 100
 * 11665 25 250 [* Ascension]
 0130 - 0157 6200 49 100 C America
 7345 41 100
 0300 - 0327 6200 49 100 C America
 7345 41 200 S America

FRENCH

0700 - 0727 5930 49 100 W Europe
 7345 41 100 SW Europe
 0830 - 0857 9880 31 100 W Europe
 11600 25 100 SW Europe
 1730 - 1757 5930 49 100 W Europe
 17485 16 100 C Africa
 1930 - 1957 5930 49 100 W Europe
 9430 31 100 SW Europe/NW Africa
 2300 - 2327 5915 49 100 N America
 7345 41 100

RUSSIAN

0500 - 0527 684 438 20 St Petersburg
 6055 49 100 E Europe
 11600 25 100 E Europe / SW Asia
 1230 - 1257 6055 49 100 E Europe
 21745 13 100 E Europe / SW Asia
 1530 - 1557 11975 25 100 E Europe

13580 22 100 E Europe / SW Asia
1630 - 1657 *** 5850 49 250 E Europe

Transmitters at Litomy¹ 16E10 49N48
* Relayed via Ascension, 14W23 07S54
** Relayed via Krasnodar, 39E00 45N02
*** Relayed via Novosibirsk, 82E58 55N04

All programmes listed in the shortwave schedule with the exception of Czech at 1630 UT and French at 1730 can be heard in Europe from the Eurobird 1 satellite, 28.5 deg. East, Transponder F3, 12.607 GHz, Polarisation: horizontal, Symbol rate: 27.5 Ms

SATELLITE TRANSMISSIONS via World Radio Network
Program UTC Satellite

ENGLISH 1000 - 1030 Eutelsat Hotbird 5, 13 deg. East, 12.597 GHz
for Transponder 94, Vertical, 27500 Msym/s Europe FEC 3/4, DVB
MPEG2 Select Audio Channel WRN English

ENGLISH 1000 - 1030 Astra 2, 28deg. East for SKY digital EPG channel
872 UK & Ireland

ENGLISH 0300 - 0330 Telstar 5, 97deg. West, 12.177 GHz for
Transponder 27, Vertical, 23000 Msym/s N.America FEC 2/3, DVB MPEG2
Select Audio Channel WRN Eng (English)

SPANISH 1700 - 1730 Telstar 5, 97deg. West, 12.177 GHz for
Transponder 27, Vertical, 23000 Msym/s N.America FEC 2/3, DVB MPEG2
Select Audio Channel WRN Mul (Multilingual)

1300 - 1329 Astra 1B, 19deg. East, 11.612 GHz

GERMAN 1600 - 1629 Transponder 27 (MTV Deutsch), Horizontal for Audio
Subcarrier 7.38 MHz

Europe 1300 - 1329 Eutelsat Hotbird 5, 13 deg. East, 12.597 GHz
1600 - 1629 Transponder 94, Vertical, 27500 Msym/s FEC 3/4,
DVB MPEG2 Select Audio Channel WRN Deutsch

For transmission times and details of other Radio Prague programmes on
WRN see: <http://www.wrn.org/listeners/schedules/>

LOCAL AM TRANSMISSIONS

Program	UTC	kHz	m	Area
SPANISH	1110 - 1129	1071	280	H. Kr lov» - E. Bohemia
FRENCH	1130 - 1159			Mor. Budejovice - S. Moravia
RUSSIAN	1200 - 1229	1233	243	Zbraslav - C. Bohemia
ENGLISH	1230 - 1300			Ostrava - N. Moravia

ENGLISH 1830 - 1859	Brno - S. Moravia	Mon - Fri
	Jihlava - S.W. Moravia	
GERMAN 1900 - 1930 1287 233	C. Budejovice, Strakonice - S. Boh.	
ENGLISH 1930 - 2000	Karlovy Vary - W. Bohemia	Sat & Sun
	Plzen - W. Bohemia	
	Liberec - N. Bohemia	
	Litomyšl - E. Bohemia/W. Moravia	

Valid: 26 October 2003 - 27 March 2004 UTC = Greenwich Mean Time
 (Andreas Volk, ADDX via Wolfgang Bueschel via Mike Barraclough,
 Letchworth, UK; also via Daniel Wylie via Dan Sampson, DXLD)

** FRANCE. RFI correspondent killed: see IVORY COAST

** FRANCE. The last thing the new satellite broadcaster Chai TV wants to be called is "the Jewish CNN" or "the Jewish answer to al-Jazeera". True, the Paris-based channel, set to launch early next year, calls itself "The Missing Link" for the Jewish diaspora worldwide. And it plans to focus on news from the Middle East and carry films about Jewish life and history. Its name -- "chai" -- is the Hebrew word for "life". There will be no live broadcasting on the Sabbath.

But the strictly Jewish links stop there, said Daniel Maillot, its senior vice president. Chai TV is not an extension of Israeli television, is not religious and will not broadcast in Hebrew or Yiddish, but in English and French. So how can a television with a Hebrew name and a lot of Jewish content not be considered a "Jewish channel"?

The clue to the puzzle lies in the fact this is also a French project, as much French as it is Jewish. Behind it lies a French view of news, Jews and the Middle East that might not match the way its viewers on the ground see the same issues. Chai TV, brainchild of Polish-French cosmetics entrepreneur Michel Silber, plans to broadcast seven hours of news per day, with the remaining airtime focusing on documentaries, films and entertainment with mostly Jewish and French themes. It will start with blocks of news in the morning, midday and evening, alternating between English and French, but hopes to establish two separate channels soon after its launch. (Reuters via SCDX/MediaScan Oct 22 via DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non] DW's only B-03 English broadcast to NAM is DRM: 2200-2230 9800 via Sackville. We pick a few analogs to elsewhere which should be audible here:

0400-0500 C&EAf 9710 Germany, 9545 Rwanda;
 0500-0600 C&SAf 9565 & 12045 Rwanda, 11805 Germany, 15410 UAE;
 0600-0700 Waf 7225 Portugal and/or Germany, 11785 Germany, 15410

Rwanda;
1600-1700 SAs 11695 Germany;
1900-2000 EAF 11865 & 13590 Germany;
2000-2100 C&SAf 13590 & 15205 Germany;
2100-2200 WAF 9615 Germany, 15410 Rwanda. From experience, the last one should be best, aimed inadvertently at NAM beyond WAF (Glenn Hauser, SWBC Global Forum, Dec MONITORING TIMES via WORLD OF RADIO 1203, DXLD) VOR relays on MW: see RUSSIA [non]

** GUAM. KTWR QSL Address: Here is the address given to me by Jeff, KH2UZ: KTWR, P. O. Box 8780, Agat, Guam 96928

This address is their personal one in which all their regular mail goes to and as I was told if you send them another QSL request they will honor it and will respond. Jeff pulled out a stack of Old QSLs that were collecting dust and handed a few to me. One has a picture of the site, taken on their 20th anniversary. Which was in 1997. Hope it works for you guys who have been looking for QSL'S and as mentioned to me before the Frequency engineer was looking for info from ones who are listening (Larry Fields, n6hpx/du1, Oct 22, Guam island till the 27th, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

** INDIA. Dear Friends, One Day International Cricket matches of the Triangular Series between India, Australia and New Zealand will be held in India on the following dates:

October 23, 26, 29
November 1, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18

(Note: October 23, 26 November 1, 16, 12, 15, 18 are Day & Night Matches.)

As usual all stations of All India Radio will relay its running commentary and so there will be extended schedules on MW, SW & FM. It has been observed that the running commentary broadcast on SW are different from those broadcast on MW/FM!

As informed earlier, the 1st Afro Asian Games will be held in Hyderabad from Oct 24 to Nov. 1, 2003. AIR will have many special broadcasts on those days also.

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(Jose Jacob, VU2JOS/AT0J, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Box 1555, Somajiguda, Hyderabad 500082, India, Oct 22, dx_india via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Dear Mike, Thanks very much for your message. We have, in fact, begun making frequent announcements regarding future encryption plans, and are also at work--- as you suggest --- on a "preview" channel that will provide this kind of information.

Additionally, a website re-design is underway. I hope this will meet your needs and those of others who will need these updates, and I hope you will continue to enjoy listening to Radio Caroline and WorldSpace.

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts with us. Best regards,
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<http://www.WorldSpace.com> (via Mike Terry, Oct 21, DXLD)

** IRELAND [non]. RTE schedule from their website. There is no change from the listed summer frequencies. The Winter frequencies will come into effect on the 26th October 2003 as follows:

21630 kHz (Africa)	1830-1900 UT
15280 kHz (SE Asia, including Australia)	1000-1030 UT
6155 kHz (Central America)	0130-0200 UT
13640 kHz (Canada and Eastern America)	1830-1900 UT
9850 kHz (Middle East)	1800-1830 UT

Reception should be available outside the immediate target areas
(Daniel Sampson, Prime Time Shortwave, 10/20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. From 01 January 2004, the Overseas Network (Reshet Hey) will cease transmission. The English, French and Persian services will be interlaced into the Hebrew (Reshet Bet) network. All other language services for Overseas will be discontinued.

Frequency Manager Engineering & Planning Division
Radio & Television Broadcasting Section mosheor@bezeq.com

B-03 AMENDED 26-10-03 to 31-12-03

Language UTC=GMT Primary Target kHz

[Hebrew includes news from TV channel 1]

Hebrew	0500-1900 N America/W Europe	15760
Hebrew	0600-1900 N America/W Europe	17535
Hebrew	1900-2400 N America/W Europe	9390
Hebrew	0000-0600 N America/W Europe	7545
Hebrew	1900-0500 N America/W Europe	9345
Hebrew	1700-0430 N America/W Europe	11585
Hebrew	0430-0600 N America/W Europe	11590

Hebrew 2100-2215 S America/S Europe 15640
Mabat 1900-1950 S America/S Europe 15640
Hebrew 1730-1800 N America/W Europe 17545\11605 (Aleph)

Arabic 0400-2215 Middle East 5915

[@@ = 6280 in use 15.12.03 to 28.2.04]

English 0500-0515 N America/W Europe 9435\11605 7475@@\6280@@
English N Africa/S America/Australia 17600
English 1110-1120 W Europe 15640\17545
English 1800-1815 N America/W Europe 17545\11605
English 2000-2030 N America/W Europe 13720\9435\11605 7520@@\6280@@
English S Africa 15640
[English portion on WOR 1204]

[@@ = 6280 in use 15.12.03 to 28.2.04]

French 0515-0530 N America/W Europe 9435\11605 7475@@\6280@@
French 1100-1110 N America/W Europe 15640\17545
French 1630-1645 N America/W Europe 11605\17545
S Europe/N Africa 15640
French 2030-2045 N America/W Europe 13720\11605\9435 7520@@\6280@@
W Africa 15640

Ladino ñ (Sat only)
1600-1625 S America 17525
S Europe/N Africa 15640
N America/W Europe 17545

Spanish 1120-1130 N America/W Europe 15640\17545

[@@ = 6280 in use 15.12.03 to 28.2.04]

Spanish 2045-2100 N America/W Europe 13720\11605\9435 7520@@\6280@@
Spanish S America 15640

Ladino 1645-1655 N America/W Europe 11605\17545
S Europe/C America 15640

Russian 1830-2000 Russia 9435\11605

@@ = When Conditions Meet Requirement [whatever that may mean]

Persian 1500-1625 IRAN 13850@@ 9985
Persian (Sun-Thu) IRAN 15640@@ 11605 17525@@
Persian N America/W Europe 17545
Persian 1500-1600 IRAN 13850@@ 9985
Persian (Fri&Sat) IRAN 15640@@ 11605 17525@@
Persian N America/W Europe 17545

Yiddish 1700-1725 Europe [no frequency on this line]

Yiddish N America/W Europe 15640

Romanian 1725-1745 Romania 9435
 N America/W Europe 15640

Hungarian 1745-1800 C Europe 9435
 N America/W Europe 15640

SATELLITE INFO:

75 degrees - East - "LMI-1" Satellite (Israel Beam)
TV-3 PAL Downlink Frequency (MHz) Horizontal Polarisation
6.60;7.20;7.56

IBA - TV sound (MHz) Radio Networks on Subcarrier Frequencies (MHz)
Downlink Frequency (MHz)

7.38 Hebrew (Bet)
7.92 Arabic (Dalet)
8.10 Gimel
7.74 Kol HaMusica
7.56 Alef

Middle East Middle East Target Area
UTC=GMT Local Time = UTC+2 @@ alternative frequencies

For correspondence regarding reception problems, please write to:

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(gh edited from a spreadhseet via Moshe Oren and Doni Rosenzweig, Oct
22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

One more note - I've been told that domestically, things will remain
the way that they are. And,

The Israel Radio Winter 2003-2004 shortwave schedule is now
available at: <http://israelradio.org/sw.htm>
(Doni Rosenzweig, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. SETTLER PIRATE RADIO STATION SHUTS DOWN
<http://bet.iba.org.il/index.asp?classto=betLanguage&lang=23>

Arutz Sheva, Channel 7, the right-wing settler radio station ceased

its broadcasts on Monday afternoon.

This followed a decision by the Jerusalem magistrates court to convict all the directors and workers -- broadcasters and engineers as well as the captain of the boat which transmitted the signal -- for broadcasting a pirate station. The group was convicted of transmitting from a boat within Israeli territorial waters, and from locations in the West Bank, without the required government permits.

One of the station's directors, Yaacov Katz, has also been charged with giving false testimony. He claimed the station was broadcasting from a boat stationed outside Israel's territorial waters.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 18th. Arutz Sheva announced it would continue to broadcast on the internet.

The Yesha Council of Settlements released a statement expressing, "...deep sorrow over the fact that a group of idealistic citizens have found themselves defined as criminals." 21.10.2003 09:39 -----
(via Doni Rosenzweig, DXLD)

** IVORY COAST. RFI REND HOMMAGE A JEAN HELENE, SON ENVOYE SPECIAL PERMANENT EN COTE D'IVOIRE, TUE PAR BALLE MARDI SOIR

PARIS (AP) -- Radio France Internationale est en deuil. La radio a annonc  la mort de Jean H    ne, son envoy  special permanent en C  te d'Ivoire, tu  par balle mardi soir   Abidjan a 23h (heure locale).

"Cette nouvelle a plong  toute la r  daction de RFI dans la stupeur et a consternation", a declar  a l'antenne de la radio Jer  me Bouvier, directeur de la r  daction. "C' tait un amoureux fou de l'Afrique. Nous aimions tous cette folie et cette passion".

Jean H    ne a apparemment   t  tu  par "un homme en uniforme a proximit  du si  ge de la police nationale", a-t-il precis . "Il attendait la sortie de 11 militants de l'opposition qui venaient d'  tre remis en libert  par la police apr  s plusieurs jours de garde a vue (...) C'est a ce moment, sans qu'on en connaisse le motif, qu'il aurait   t  abattu", a expliqu  le directeur de la r  daction.

Gilles Schneider, directeur g  n ral delegu  charg  des antennes et de l'informations, depuis Dakar ou il preparait une  mission speciale prevue mercredi et  videmment annul e, a expliqu  que le journaliste avait   t  tu  "d'une balle dans le dos, lachement assassin  par un soi-disant homme de l'ordre". M. Schneider, ainsi qu'Alain le Gouguec, chef du service Afrique,  galement pr  sent a Dakar mardi, se rendront mercredi sur place   Abidjan, a-t-on appris aupr  s de RFI.

Jean HÉlÈne est nÉ en 1953 ‡ Mulhouse, et etait devenu un collaborateur de Radio France Internationale en tant que pigiste en 1988.

Amoureux de l'Afrique, il a integrÉ la rÉdaction en 1998 en tant que journaliste specialisÉ avant de partir pour Libreville, au Gabon, en tant qu'envoyÉ special permanent ‡ partir de novembre 1999.

Il ainsi couvert les guerres du Rwanda, de RÈpublique democratique du Congo, de Somalie et du LibÈria.

De retour pour une annÈe en France en tant que rÉdacteur en chef et chef du service Afrique entre 2001 et 2002, il avait decidÉ de repartir sur le terrain, ‡ Abidjan, de nouveau envoyÉ special permanent de RFI depuis le 1er avril de cette annÈe. AP (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

C'TE D'IVOIRE/France: RFI PAYS TRIBUTE TO ITS CORRESPONDENT SHOT DEAD BY POLICEMAN | Text of report by Radio France Internationale on 22 October

One of RFI's greatest voices fell in Abidjan yesterday evening. Jean Helene was murdered in front of the national police headquarters, in the Ivorian capital. Jean Helene was only doing his job as a journalist, with a neutrality recognized by all. He was waiting for the release of some Rally of Republicans [RDR] activists. He had just finished interviewing them when a policeman shot him dead. He received two bullets in the back. The person who shot him was arrested, and he is currently undergoing questioning at the police headquarters.

French President Jacques Chirac expressed his emotion at the news. He has asked the Ivorian authorities to get to the bottom of this murder.

Jean Helene was one of RFI's greatest correspondents. He was not only always on the scene but he was also a man with a good heart, according to a friend, Jean Pascal Guillot.

[Guillot] You listeners know Jean Helene as a journalist who has been everywhere in Africa; an impartial observer who was never impressed, and who died because of that. You know how calm he always was, how disinterested, a personality that perfectly matched such a scrupulous job. Jean Helene was an honest man. He used to ask questions, and to also question himself. Those with partisan and sectarian views and fanatics of all sorts did not like him. His commitment to rigorous journalism came from moral values inherited from his Alsatian Protestant education. He used to enjoy life, travelling, scenery and people. Jean Helene was very tender towards women. He knew how to

appreciate both African sculptures and Italian monuments. He used to like wine and good food. His endurance and physical courage came from taking part in sports; he had a passion for football. Jean Helene was a good guy. His discretion, his kindness, made him great.

[Announcer] Christian Baldensperger, alias Jean Helene was a good man. He had spent more than 12 years in Africa.

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** LIBERIA. RADIO JOURNALISTS TRY TO PICK UP THE PIECES

UN Integrated Regional Information Networks ANALYSIS October 20, 2003
Monrovia

To be ready for his live breakfast show "Infomix," radio presenter Adolphus Taylor has to sleep overnight at the offices of the state-run Liberian Broadcasting System (LBS).

The generator cranks into action at 6.00 am, Taylor is on the air 30 minutes later, producing as well as presenting for a ramshackle studio. He rummages for the right cassette and improves cheerfully when he puts on the wrong one.

Early morning travel from his home in Monrovia is still unsafe in this country which is gradually emerging from the horrors of civil war.

LBS has no vehicle to pick him up. "Once the courtyard here was

flooded with cars and someone could come to pick me up at 04.00 GMT," Taylor told IRIN.

"But that was before we were plunged into the nightmare of 14 years of war," he added.

The war ended, at least officially, on 18 August, after former president Charles Taylor was forced by international pressure and an intense rebel advance on Monrovia, to resign and go to exile in Nigeria.

The rebels, the remnants of Taylor's government and other interest groups agreed that an interim administration headed by businessman Gyude Bryant, should lead Liberia to fresh elections in 2005. And Bryant took power last week under the protection of a UN peacekeeping force that will eventually number 15,000 troops.

Damaged transmitters and no pay for two years

Now LBS journalists are trying to pick up the pieces. But the state broadcaster is in bad shape. It broadcasts to Monrovia on FM from a ramshackle studio in the eastern suburb of Paynesville, but lacks a working short-wave transmitter to reach the whole country. And its staff have not been paid for more than two years.

Across town, Radio Veritas which is a few minute's walk from the United States Embassy, still shows signs of the effects of a 19 July mortar attack. Ledger Hood, who runs the station for the Roman Catholic church, told IRIN that damage from the shelling took Veritas off air for a month.

Transmission resumed in August, but the station is yet to pay a US \$7,000 bill for repairs on its short-wave antenna, which was hit by mortar fire.

Other independent stations were simply shut down by former president Taylor, who dominated the airwaves with the radio stations of his privately own Liberian Communications Network (LCN)...

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200310200979.html>

(via Jilly Dybka, DXLD) We pick up the story below from BBCM ---

RADIO STATIONS TRY TO RELAUNCH AFTER CIVIL WAR

The UN regional information network IRIN has published a detailed report on the state of the radio sector in Liberia as the country embarks on national reconstruction after a lengthy civil war. The report describes conditions at the leading stations including the state-run Liberian Broadcasting System (LBS) and Radio Veritas, as

well as the stations belonging to former president Charles Taylor's Liberian Communications Network (LCN). It also sums up the views of various Liberian journalists on the pros and cons of the UN setting up its own radio station in Liberia. Concerns about the future of broadcasting in Liberia, the article concludes, are overshadowed by more immediate priorities: paying staff, keeping the stations on the air and repairing damage inflicted by the fighting. The following is the text of the report by IRIN on 20 October; subheadings as published:

[. . .] Star Radio, one of his first victims in Monrovia, was taken off the air in March 2000. And in June this year, Taylor shut down another six local radio stations in central Liberia as rebels fought their way into the capital's northern suburbs. They included Y-FM, Bright FM, Jet 89.9, the Voice of Kakata and the voice of YMCA.

But the crackdown started well before then in the interior, as rebels took up arms again following Taylor's election as president in 1997. The few broadcasters that survived upcountry, such as Love FM in Buchanan, were directly backed by the president.

The rebel attack on Monrovia earlier this year did not just damage Radio Veritas. The Liberia Institute of Journalism was forced to put its training programmes on hold after gunmen looted its computers.

And Talking Drum Studios (TDS), which trains radio journalists and produces programmes that promote social harmony, had its studios on Bushrod Island looted bare. The operation, which is run by the US-based NGO Search for Common Ground, now produces just four programmes a week for broadcast by local stations instead of the 11 which it distributed previously.

"We were in the battle zone," Talking Drum technical manager Paul Seidi said. "The looters hit the studio first, removing computers, mixers and monitors. Then they targeted the storeroom and stripped offices of furniture. The total losses came to around 150,000 dollars," he told IRIN.

Meanwhile, many journalists found themselves on the run. In June, 25 journalists working in Monrovia were displaced from their homes by fighting. Others were robbed, abducted and tortured by both government fighters and rebels of the Liberian United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD), according to the Media Foundation of West Africa (MFWA).

"Journalists and human rights activists in Monrovia have been the worst victims of what appears to be the targeted and systematic looting, arson and rape of residents caught up in the raging

conflict," Prof Kwame Karikari, MFWA's executive director said at the time.

The media watchdog, Reporters sans Frontieres (RSF), placed Liberia 132nd out of the 166 countries listed in its latest world press freedom rankings, which were published on Monday [20 October]. RSF said Liberia was one of three African countries which had fallen sharply in the rankings over the past 12 months.

The other two were Cote d'Ivoire (137th) and Guinea-Bissau (118th). RSF said war and serious political crises had impacted negatively on the press in all three countries.

"Green snake in the green grass"

LBS staff said during his six years in power, former president Taylor deliberately downgraded the state media, concentrating resources instead in his own LCN which included a television station, Kiss FM in Monrovia, and a chain of radios in the interior.

"A lot of people were cheated," Max Willie, LBS deputy director said. "Everything that held this country down is of Charles Taylor's making. He was the green snake in the green grass."

Some LBS journalists who had not seen a wage packet for 30 months told IRIN that they generated an income by soliciting payments from the individuals and organizations they interviewed.

Not surprisingly, there was less bitterness against Taylor at Kiss FM, LCN's flagship station.

It has continued broadcasting since his departure two months ago, but now the entire future of LCN is in doubt. Its TV station has been off air for months and a pro-Taylor newspaper, The Patriot, has folded. And eviction notices have been served on Kiss, ordering the radio station to vacate its premises.

"Taylor was the chief sponsor of the entity," Kiss FM station manager Francis Dahn told IRIN. He made no apologies for running the former president's main mouthpiece for propaganda, saying times were difficult. "Every Liberian wanted a job," Dahn said.

He accepted that Kiss's independence was always compromised, but denied that the station's reporters were pampered favourites. "Some guys were making as little as 20 US dollars (a month). People misunderstood us to be the big guys with the big bucks, but it was not like that," he said.

Picking up the pieces

Many Liberian journalists temper their optimism for the future by referring to the past. Those interviewed told IRIN that harassment of the media did not begin with Taylor and was unlikely to end with his departure.

Samuel Doe, who seized power in a 1980 coup, but was brutally murdered 10 years later, introduced Decree 88A which gave the security forces carte blanche to clamp down on critics. And before him, presidents William Tolbert and William Tubman both manipulated the media.

"We yearn for a time when you can say something and not be afraid of being picked up in the middle of the night," said Martin Browne, head of the independent radio station DC-101. His flagship programme "DC-Talk", a lively, hard-hitting discussion programme, was put on hold after a series of run-ins with Taylor's administration.

DC-101 closed down by the fighting in Monrovia, which lasted from June to early August, but it is now back on the air. However, the station only broadcasts for 14 hours a day instead of the usual 18, and works off one generator rather than two. Monrovia has been without mains electricity for more than a decade.

Browne anticipates an easier ride from Bryant's newly installed administration "because this government is not there to perpetuate itself".

However, he warns that the climate could become more difficult in the build-up to the 2005 elections as political parties and their leaders try to manipulate the media as they jockey for positions. "It's a problem of leadership, a problem of governance," he said.

However, for the time being, concerns about the future of broadcasting are overshadowed by more immediate priorities: paying staff, keeping the stations on the air and repairing damage inflicted by the fighting.

According to Browne, the priority for a commercial station like DC-101 is to "just maintain a presence". Advertising rates have dropped to three US dollars for a 60-second spot. He warned that the station would go under if the economy does not pick up soon.

Community radio stations must be independent

Other Liberian journalists want community radio stations to be given priority. But James Morlu, a former station manager at Star Radio, believes that community radios will only be the answer to Liberia's

broadcasting woes if they are both independent and credible.

"Community radio stations are something to be looked into very carefully," he told IRIN. But he added: "If you don't have a good foundation, righting the wrongs becomes harder."

According to Morlu, local radio stations allowed themselves to be manipulated easily by Taylor. "The same mistakes must not be made again. We want the media to be respected, but we have to know who is giving out information," he said.

In the late 1980s, USAID funded the creation of a Liberian Rural Communications Network (LRCN), but the network was devastated by the civil war. Other smaller stations emerged in recent years manned by young, inexperienced staff. But some of them reached sizable audiences using home-made transmitters.

With the end of the war, the arrival of a large UN peacekeeping force and an army of aid agencies, there is much talk of a fresh boom in local media activity.

Vinnie Hodges, head of the Liberian Institute of Journalism, said the Institute wanted to set up its own radio station.

And Morlu said Star Radio, which was previously backed by the Swiss Hironnelle Foundation, could return to the airwaves after an absence of three years, if donors prove sympathetic.

Others talk about setting up new newspapers, but insist they need additional printing facilities in order to do this.

But money remains the main problem.

Jerome Daieh, managing editor of The News, an independent daily, said the biggest problem is average salaries of less than 20 dollars a month. "Imagine you have a guy with a masters degree coming to work here and he doesn't even get enough to cover his transportation costs," he told IRIN.

Local journalists welcome the new interest being taken in the Liberian media by foreign donors and the likelihood of new training opportunities and equipment becoming available. But many warned strongly of the danger of being swamped by outside influences. They urged that the local media be empowered rather than marginalized.

Terence Sesay, president of the Press Union of Liberia (PUL), welcomed the idea of the United Nations setting its own radio station in Liberia, as happened in neighbouring Sierra Leone. He said such a

station would not only help keep attention focused on Liberia, but would raise standards all round.

"A UN radio station will inspire other radio stations to do better because they will want to measure up to the same standard", Sesay said. He drew parallels with the flagship role played by Star Radio between 1997 and its closure in 2000.

But PUL Secretary-General Winston Monboe, the Monrovia correspondent of Voice of America (VOA), was markedly more sceptical. He argued that the UN and others should not come in to compete with existing players, but should work with what is already there.

"There is no way that any local media dare compete with a UN radio station that will have the finances, the logistics, the technology and the best you can think about", said Monboe.

He called instead for investment in local broadcasting, urging the UN to help out stations that are already trying their best. "In the absence of that, there will be a brain drain as the best journalists go in search of greener pastures", Monboe warned.

Source: UN Integrated Regional Information Network, Nairobi, in English 20 Oct 03 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [and non]. Major changes to our schedule effective from Sunday 26 October. http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/html/schedule_b03.html (Media Network via DXLD)

Now shows all the sites, and relay customers. Besides the info we have already discussed, we now have the sites for the one remaining English hour to Pacific at 1000-1100, so the first one should be useful for early risers in ENAm too:

1000-1100 Bonaire	9785 230 250 English NZ/Australia
1000-1100 Irkutsk	12065 152 250 English E + SE Asia
1000-1100 Petro. Kamchatski	7260 244 250 English FE
1000-1100 Khabarovsk	13820 218 100 English E Asia

The broadcast to SAs at 1400-1600 should also make it to parts of NAM via longpath from Madagascar:

1400-1600 Madagascar	12080 050 200 English South Asia
1400-1600 Madagascar	15595 050 200 English South Asia
1400-1600 Tashkent	12070 131 100 English South Asia

The 1900-2100 broadcast sites are about as we surmised, both for Africa but audible here daily on the highest frequency, and for the

new weekend bihour to NAM:

1900-2100	Bonaire	17810	080	250	English W Africa
1900-2100(Sat/Sun)	Bonaire	17725	350	250	English N America e
1900-2100(Sat/Sun)	Bonaire	15315	335	250	English N America c
1900-2100(Sat/Sun)	Sackville	17875	285	250	English N America w

The new AWR relay via Bonaire now shows as on two beams at once, but the power is missing!

2300-0100 Bonaire 6165 320/150 Adventist World R. C America/Florida

And the final surprise is that R. Japan begins a relay via Bonaire, language not specified but probably not English:

2300-2359 Bonaire 17605 170 250 NHK Japan S America

(Glenn Hauser, Oct 22, WORLD OF RADIO 1204, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Following Mickey Delmage's report of confusing scheduling for RNZI Mailbox, I checked the current website, and tho it mentions that DST began on the first Sunday in October, the two time columns are still only 12 hours apart! So what are we supposed to believe? In the past some shows live from National Radio shifted one UT hour earlier during summer, while other RNZI features did not. FWIW, the times for Mailbox (alternate weeks) are different than previously, but are some/all of them supposed to be one UT hour earlier now? And are the UT days all correct? Mon 0830, 1130, 1330, 1530 and Tue 0330. No other broadcasts of this, which used to be in local morning hours, unless they fall under the 'RNZI Features' block.

I listened to this week's Mailbox from the archive, in which Adrian Sainsbury corrected his earlier remark that lightning hit the transmitter directly instead of the towers. Now he says the masts were hit, but the stroke nevertheless reached the transmitter. It took six weeks for all the replacement parts to arrive and for the transmitter to begin testing on the air again.

The RA relays ceased Oct 21, but it is hoped to have a backup scheme to resume a standby service more quickly on SW, hopefully never needed. Adrian has a tendency to round off times, but these are the ones he announced for B-03:

1650 6095, 1750 11980, 1850 15265, 2245 approximately 17675, 0400 15340, 0800 11675, 1100 15530, 1300-1650 6095.

Note the 0800 switch from 15340 to 11675, contrary to 0700 in other versions (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1204, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Could not figure what was happening with RNZI on their 9885 morning broadcast as I had one great signal last week when they first came

back with my check at 1100. This week just a mess, very weak and lots of fades, basically unlistenable. This a.m. I checked at 08 UT and the signal was at 15/s9, crystal clear. Then at 0900, they changed antenna direction and back to the mess I noticed yesterday. Seems they have not gotten the 17675 frequency working correctly as no activity this week after some testing last week. Time to set up the tape deck again (Bob Montgomery, Levittown, PA, Oct 22, swprograms via DXLD)

** PARAGUAY. Adan Mur, from Radio America, Villeta, tells me this station is off air in short wave momentary (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, BCLnews.it via DXLD)

** PERU. 9504.73, Radio Tacna, Tacna, 1010-1030, October 22. Spanish. Music programme conducted by male. ID as: "...por Radio Tacna". Short local news. Ann.: "estamos con la m'sica del Per' profundo... con esta m'sica, para los sectores populares"; Greetings: "para los que sintonizan habitualmente este programa... para los amigos pobladores de... y para los pescadores de...".-TC: "son las 5 de la mañana con 15 minutos". Strong QRM from Radio Record, SP, on 9505, 32432 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, BCLnews.it via DXLD)

** PERU. Quito 21/Oct/2003 20:31. Amigos Dxistas, Saludos desde "la mitad del mundo"!

4990.90 kHz, Radio Ancash, Huaraz, 21/Oct/2003 - 2345 UT. This station had been unidentified for some weeks. Reactivated but with very low modulated signal. 73s de Bj^rn Malm - SWB Am^rica Latina, Quito Ecuador, WORLD OF RADIO 1204, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. RADIO VERITAS ASIA, B 03, WINTER SCHEDULE

Language	UTC	kHz
Bengali	0030-0057	15215
	1400-1427	9590
Cantonese	2300-2327	11870
Hindi	0030-0057	15570
	1330-1400	9590
Hmong	1000-1030	11850
Indonesian	2300-2327	9505
	2300-2327	11820
	1200-1227	9505
Kachin	2330-2357	11705
	1230-1257	11835
Karen	0000-0027	11725
	1200-1230	11835
Mandarin	2100-2257	6190
	1000-1157	9520

Burmese	2330-2400	11725
	1130-1200	11835
Filipino	2230-2257	7265
Filipino	1500-1530	15360
Filipino (Wed, Fri & Sun Extended)		
	1530-1600	15360
Russian	0130-0230	17830
	1500-1600	11795
Sinhala	0000-0027	11820
	1330-1400	9520
Tamil	0030-0057	15520
	1400-1427	9520
Telugu	0100-0127	15530
	1430-1457	11705
Urdu	0100-0127	15335
	0100-0127	17860
	1430-1457	11795
Vietnamese	2330-2357	11770
	0130-0230	15530
	1030-1127	11850
	1300-1327	11850
Zomi-Chin	0000-0027	11705

(via Mike Terry, Oct 21, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Voice of Russia English Broadcast schedule from October 26, 2003 till March 27, 2004, from website. All times are Universal Time (UT), also known as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

0200-0300	15595, 15445, 9765, 7180, 6155	North America
0200-0300	5995	Middle East
0300-0400	15595, 15445, 7350, 7180, 6155	N America
0400-0500	15595, 15445, 12010, 7240, 7350, 7180, 7125	N America
0400-0600	1548, 603	Europe
0500-0600	15595, 15445, 12010, 7240, 7180, 7125	N America
0600-0800	21790	Australia, New Zealand
0600-1000	1323, 603	Europe
0800-0900	21790, 17665, 17525, 17495	Australia, New Zealand
0800-1000	1251	SE Asia
0900-1000	17665, 17525, 17495	Australia, New Zealand
1500-1600	11500, 9900**, 7350, 7315*, 7260, 6205, 972	SE Asia
1600-1700	9830, 6005, 4975, 4965, 4940, 972	Middle East
1600-1700	7260, 4975, 4965, 4940, 972	SE Asia
1600-1800	1494	Europe
1700-1800	9830	Africa
1700-1800	648	Middle East
1700-1800	5945, 5910, 1269, 648	SE Asia
1800-1900	1251	Middle East
1800-1900	11510, 9830	Africa

1800-1900 7290, 6175#, 5950#, 1494# Europe
1800-1900 5910, 1251 SE Asia
1900-2000 11510, 7335 Africa
1900-2000 7360, 7290, 6235, 6175 Europe
2000-2100 7360, 7290, 6235, 6145 Europe
2100-2200 7360, 7290, 6235 Europe

*-from 26.10.03 till 06.03.04 **-from 07.03.04 till 27.03.04
#-Saturday, Sunday Only changes in the middle of the schedule season
are for SE Asia (Daniel Sampson, Prime Time Shortwave, 10/20, via
WORLD OF RADIO 1204, DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. NUEVO ESQUEMA DE LA VOZ DE RUSIA EN IDIOMA
ESPAÑOL

Estimado Amigos: Patricio Cortés (más conocido como Francisco "Pancho"
Rodríguez), realizador del programa DX "Frecuencia RM" de La Voz de
Rusia, me facilitó el nuevo esquema de horarios y frecuencias de los
programas en idioma español vigentes para el próximo periodo B'03 que
a continuación textualmente les transcribo:

Estimados Amigos: A partir del próximo 26 de octubre cambian nuestras
frecuencias y en Rusia pasamos al horario de invierno. Les adelanto
que nuestras frecuencias hacia Europa desde el 26 de octubre hasta el
7 de marzo del año próximo serán las siguientes:
7360 y 6145 Khz de 21:30 a 22:00 UT.

En el mismo período hacia América Central emitiremos por 9965, 9945,
7570, 7390 y 5945 Khz. Hacia América del Sur nuestras emisiones podrán
ser escuchadas en los 9965, 7570, 7390, 6195 y 5945 Khz. Nuestras
emisiones hacia las Américas son de 01:00 a 03:00 UT.

Y eso no es todo; nuestras emisiones en onda corta hacia las Américas
(01:00-03:00 UT) se transmitirán paralelamente por onda media en los
603 Khz hacia España mediante un transmisor ubicado en Alemania.

Saludos cordiales. Francisco Rodríguez FRECUENCIA RM La Voz de Rusia

Agradeceré su difusión a través de los medios a vuestro alcance.
(Rubén Guillermo Margenet, WORLD OF RADIO 1204, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That's listed in WRTH as only 5 kW, tho there are high-power
transmitters in between in France, and medium-power in Spain! (gh)

I bet the 603 transmitter that will carry the Spanish programme of VOR
at 2130 is simply their existing Zehlendorf outlet. Of course this is
a rather stupid idea, but I could also imagine that somebody messed up
the two German frequencies and Spanish will instead go out on 1323.

This should work; the designers of the new 1323 facility at Wachenbrunn had services for France and Spain explicitly in mind, and the chief engineer told me about hopes that it will probably even reach South America! At least 1323 was indeed once heard in New Zealand, and I think I suggested years ago just to write directly to the transmitter site since the engineers there would be certainly interested in this observation.

Regarding the English schedule: Indeed interesting that no 1323 slot in the evenings is shown anymore. It remains to be seen what the schedule will be. And just as a reminder: See the Intelsat 705 schedule at <http://www.vor.ru/Satellite/Satellite.html>

The right channel is the feed for 1323 and the left channel the feed for 603, also streamed in Windows Media format by T-Systems at http://62.153.249.21/live/st_ru/Stimme_Russl.aspx
The Russian there after 1900 is no longer the Russian Worldservice but now Russkoye Mezhdunarodnoye Radio instead, at least confirmed after 2000. Best regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** SAUDI ARABIA [non]. SAUDI OPPOSITION SAYS ISLAH CHANNEL TRANSMISSION STOPPED, APPEALS TO SUPPORTERS** | Text of report headlined "Movement sends urgent appeal for an immediate campaign to distribute the protests instructions by alternative means to Al-Islah channel", published on London-based Movement for Islamic Reform in Arabia web site on 22 October

The Al-Islah channel's transmission stopped last night for apparently technical reasons. The service provider said transmission would not be restored before this afternoon, Wednesday. But the movement advises people not to rely on this assurance and to be prepared to deal with a new situation, that of the channel's total cessation of transmission, as there is news of heavy pressures from the Saudi government to close down the channel following last Tuesday's [14 October] events.

To compensate for the channel's role, we urge all the movement's cadres and every person eager to ensure the success of the protests tomorrow, Thursday, to publish the information contained in the previous statement naming the mosques and points of assembly and other details through direct personal contact, by telephone, fax or mobile phone, or through publication on all the internet web sites and forums, the yahoo web sites, e-mails or through any other means that serve the aim.

We assert that undertaking this task is as important as participation in the protest, while warning that those delivering the message should be accurate in conveying the information about the mosques, venues and timing.

The movement considers the undertaking of this task in these conditions a shari'ah duty - a person capable of doing it commits a sin if he does not do it. It urges everyone not to be slack, idle or dependent on others. Source: Movement for Islamic Reform in Arabia web site, London, in Arabic 22 Oct 03 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** SERBIA & MONTENEGRO. The ITU has now officially confirmed that its new country code for Serbia & Montenegro is "SCG", replacing "YUG". (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, Oct 22, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. B-03 schedules:

Channel Africa

0300	0500	3345	S Africa English + various
0300	0400	9685	East Africa Swahili
0300	0400	9770	East Africa English
0400	0500	9565	Central Africa French
0500	1600	9525	Southern Africa English + various
0500	0600	11710	West Africa English
0600	0700	15215	West Africa English
1500	1600	17770	East Africa English
1500	1600	17780	East Africa Swahili
1600	1700	7165	Mozambique Portuguese
1600	1700	15265	West Africa French
1700	1800	15265	Angola Portuguese
1800	1900	15265	West Africa English
1900	2200	3345	Southern Africa English + various

Radiosondergrense

0000	0500	3320	N. Cape Afrikaans
0500	0700	7185	N. Cape Afrikaans
0700	1700	9650	N. Cape Afrikaans
1700	2400	3320	N. Cape Afrikaans

South African Radio League

0800	0900	9750	17780	South Africa English Sundays only
1900	2000	3215		South Africa English Mondays only

(Andreas Volk, ADDX via Wolfgang Bueschel via Mike Barraclough, Letchworth, UK, DXLD)

** SWEDEN. RADIO SWEDEN--Coming up on Radio Sweden:

Thursday: "S-Files" (repeat)

Friday: Our weekly review

Saturday: In "Studio 49", the EU Convention and helping Third World countries export to the EU

Sunday: "Sounds Nordic" (SCDX/MediaScan Oct 22 via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. RADIO TAIWAN INTERNATIONAL TO TEST 75 MB FOR SPAIN

The Spanish section of Radio Taiwan International will be testing on 3955 kHz in the 75 metre band at 2100-2200 UTC on 26, 27 and 28 October. The station wants reception reports from Spanish-speaking listeners in Europe by E-mail to esp@cbs.org.tw or by mail to PO Box 24-38, Taipei, Taiwan 106, R.O.C. (© Radio Netherlands Media Network 22 October 2003 via DXLD) Site? UK, I suppose (gh)

** U K. VETERAN BBC BROADCASTER COOKE FALLS AND MISSES SHOW
Date: October 20 2003

Veteran 94-year-old British-born presenter Alistair Cooke was unable to broadcast his Letter from America show this week after suffering a fall, the BBC said yesterday.

"I can confirm that he did have a slight fall on Thursday," a BBC spokesman said. "He's okay, he's just having a rest at home for the next few days and then he'll be bright and back up for the next broadcast," the spokesman said.

Cooke was not taken to hospital after the fall, the spokesman said. Cooke, who lives in New York, has presented Letter from America, a weekly review of events in the United States, since 1946 and has been with the world's largest public broadcaster for over 66 years.

The presenter addressed the United States Congress on its 200th anniversary and in 1991 received a special award for his contribution to Anglo-American relations (AFP via Dan Say, BC, WORLD OF RADIO 1204, DXLD)

"The World's longest running speech radio programme was first broadcast in 1946. Now you can read Alistair Cooke's weekly letter on the internet"

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/letter_from_america/default.stm
(via Mike Terry, DXLD)

** U K. NEW SCHEDULE ON PRI RELAYS --- Ladies & Gentlemen of the BBC:

I just noticed last night that the US PRI relay of the BBC Worldservice is already operating on the new November schedule. This became apparent when I tried to listen to Discovery at 0706 UT on my local St. Louis, Missouri, BBC overnight service on KWMU-FM, and heard the "Masterpiece" programme on the song "Somewhere" instead. I checked the PRI website this morning and saw that this was indeed a change in the schedule from the Summer 03 to the Winter 03-04 versions.

"Discovery" at this timeslot is replaced by "Masterpiece".

I looked at the BBC Worldservice website and checked my city's schedule as shown with the local FM relay option. The schedule that displays is the old one without this change. But what is disturbing is that the weekly schedules for November which should show the new pattern of PRI-relayed programmes also show the old program lineup.

I think you need your people to look at all the North American FM relay schedule entries to make sure that these are updated with the new post-November schedule data; right now, they are wrong. If PRI "jumped the gun" and started airing the new lineup a week or so too soon, it's understandable that your current schedule listings would not show it yet. But the future-week schedules for weeks in November should be showing the changed programme lineup now. Hope this is of help to you! Regards, William Martin (St. Louis, Missouri USA, Oct 22, to BBC Write On, cc to DXLD)

** U K. The head of BBC radio has forecast that its audience will fall due to increased choice offered by digital radio. . .
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/tv_and_radio/3210226.stm
(via Jill Dybka, MSIS, Systems Administrator and Webmaster, DXLD)

** U S A. VOA News Now break: The question how it will be handled also applies to the satellite outlets. Silence for five hours, a nice 1 kHz at 30 percent tone, or something else? Needless to ask about Munich 1197, I bet it will we simply switched off, but wait... are we to assume that transmissions will resume not later than 1200? Best regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Re 3-186:] VOA ENGLISH CONTENT DURING 0700-1200

Hi Glenn: I had the same question, too. I found there was no provision for the News Now webstream and the 24-hour satellite channels during 0700-1200 UT. So, at my suggestion, they will insert Music Mix during those hours. There will still be news on the hour 0700-1200, so a newscaster will be working overnight. That person will be busy when a crisis inevitably erupts during that time period.

To fulfill the five-hour English cut, I suggested dropping 0800-1000 and 1800-2100 UT. At 1800-2100, almost all English programming to Africa is VOA English-to-Africa, and the great majority of the VOA English audience is in Africa. There are very few News Now listeners in Europe and the Middle East during those three hours, partly because VOA has so few transmitters available for News Now during that time. The decision makers kept the cut at 0700-1200, apparently because the necessary savings could be achieved only by dropping five contiguous hours. 73 (Kim Elliott, VOA, Oct 22, WORLD OF RADIO 1204, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. The Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia has upheld a ruling by the U.S. Copyright Office requiring radio stations that stream broadcasts over the Internet must pay royalties to recording companies and artists as well as to composers. . .
<http://dc.internet.com/news/article.php/3096481>
(via Jill Dybka, MSIS, Systems Administrator and Webmaster, DXLD)

**** U S A. IN HISTORIC ACTION, FCC FINES THREE STATIONS FOR EXCEEDING RF LIMITS**

For the first time ever, the FCC has fined three radio stations and one TV station for jointly violating radiofrequency radiation (RFR) exposure limits. Clear Channel Hot AC KBIG, Radio One Urban KKBT, Infinity Oldies KRTH, and Telemundo's KWHY-TV have each been ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine.

The four Los Angeles stations are among 21 stations with transmitters on the Mt. Wilson antenna farm northeast of downtown LA. Individually, each of the four stations was within acceptable RFR limits. But their cumulative effect exceeded limits established by the FCC to prevent unsafe human exposure. As prescribed by FCC rules, all of the licensees whose transmitters produce power density levels exceeding five percent of the exposure limit share responsibility for reducing RFR to permissible levels.

Nestled within the Mt. Wilson broadcast towers are the Mt. Wilson U.S. Post Office and the Mt. Wilson Observatory and Park, which receives thousands of visitors a day.

When FCC agents inspected the antenna farm in July '02, they discovered a 10 ft. by 100 ft. area on the driveway --- unmarked, accessible to the public, and about 100 feet from the Post Office --- which exceeded RFR limits for the general population by 50 percent.
(FMQB.com October 22 via Brock Whaley, DXLD)

** U S A. The Bay Area is the capital of pirate radio stations -- low-power, unlicensed stops on the FM dial -- and now they're leading the rebellion against corporate giants of the airwaves, lawyers and raids by the FCC. . .
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2003/10/21/DD35002.DTL>
(via Jill Dybka, MSIS, Systems Administrator and Webmaster, DXLD)

** URUGUAY. Sinfonia FM, Santa Clara de Olimar, 6155.0, 1001-1035, poor on 9/28. Rapid talk by men with several ads. ID at 1002
``Transmite Sinfonia. . .`` and ``Les habla de. . . Sinfonia 95.7 FM, emisora gran cadena de la amistad . . . de nacional de . . . emisoras Sarandí del Yí . . . Boreal FM . . . 89.5 . . . FM . . . y . . .

Sarandĩ del Yĩ . . . 49 metros . . . `` , `` Sinfonia . . . telÉfono 9.
. . 458-58.`` And at 1016 `` . . . deporte m's mucho, . . . Sinfonia,
Sinfonia, una radio. . . `` (Takeshi Sejimo, Komoro city, Nagano,
Japan, Radio Nuevo Mundo Oct 10 via DXLD)

øIs it Sinfonia or Sinfonia? Presumably the one WRTH 2003 has as Banda
Oriental, 6154v in Sarandĩ del Yĩ (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [+non]. VOICE OF VIETNAM B'03 FREQUENCY LIST
(27 minute English program - From Oct. 26th, 2003)

Areas of coverage	UTC	Frequencies
Europe	17:00	9725
Europe	18:00	9730 khz - 7100 khz - 9725 khz
Europe	19:00	9730 khz - 7100 khz
Europe	20:30	9731 [sic] khz - 7100 khz
Europe	23:30	9840 khz - 12020 khz
North East America	01:00	6175 khz [Sackvilles]
North East America	02:30	6175 khz
Central America	03:30	6175 khz
Hanoi	10:00	101.5 Mhz
South East Asia	10:00	1242 khz - 9840 khz - 12020 khz
South Asia	11:00	1242 khz - 7285 khz
Hanoi	12:30	101.5 Mhz
South East Asia	12:30	9840 khz - 12020 khz
Europe	13:30	9730 khz - 7100 khz
Hanoi	13:30	101.5 Mhz
Central Asia	14:00	1242 khz
South Western Asia	15:00	1242 khz
Central Asia	16:00	9730 khz - 7100 khz
Europe	16:00	9730 khz - 7100 khz
Hanoi	16:00	105.5 Mhz
Central Asia	16:30	1242 khz

Address : English Program, Overseas Service
Voice of Vietnam, 58 Quan Su, Hanoi, Vietnam
Tel: 84 4 9342 456 Fax: 84 4 8266 707
<http://www.vov.org.vn> e.mail: btdn.vov@hn.vnn.vn
Regds, (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, DXLD)

Believe 7100 is new, and of course, encroaching on the worldwide 40m
hamband. Are you QRX, Martin Potter? (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1204, DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. Reference Ad'n Gonz'lez' report: Very glad to know the
carrier here on 11734.1 on 10/19, from 1845 past 2000 rechecks, was RT
Zanzibar. Never a hint of audio, of course. It's time for my biannual
report (Gerry Bishop, Niceville, FL, Oct 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. Still on the RN B-03 schedule is this clandestine:
1657-1755 Madagascar 7120 265 50 V of the People Zimbabwe
(Media Network via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Alfredo, Bj^n y dem's colegas de la Lista: Sobre las
1000 UT+ pude captar en modo LSB una se0al con muchìsimo
desvanecimiento en los 6108.24. Pasaban m'sica pero por los pocos
segundos que podìa escucharse antes de desvanecerse, me fue imposible
saber quÈ estilo era el difundido. Ma0ana voy a intentar antes de esa
hora a ver que descubro. AquÌ, en Buenos Aires, en esta Època del a0o,
a las 1000 UT hay pleno sol, por lo que la sintonìa en ondas cortas
decae totalmente. 73's (Arnaldo Slaen, Conexi0n Digital via DXLD)

O.K. pero el tema es que la radio emite casi todo el dia... el lunes
dej0 de transmitir a las 2319 UT. 30 segundos pude sintonizarla, ya
que despuÈs cerraron abruptamente. Juntos la identificaremos, estoy
seguro !! (Alfredo Ca0ote, Per', WORLD OF RADIO 1204, DXLD)

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POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS  
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Hi, folks: I just sent this to the Potomac News reporter who wrote  
the article. 73, Dick W1NMZ

Dear Sari: Interesting article, but I don't see any mention of the  
electronic interference this technology will will cause. It operates  
over a frequency range of 2 MHz to 80 MHz. This includes long range,  
short wave communications used by international broadcasters  
(including Voice of America), as well as U.S. Government agencies such  
as the State and Defense Departments. It will also interfere with  
amateur and Citizens' Band radio communications.

I'm an electronics engineer retired from Lockheed Martin, where I  
specialized in preventing, detecting and eliminating electronic  
interference for more than 20 years.

You might want to look into the electronic interference aspects of  
this technology, which is called Broadband on Power Lines (BPL).

I'll be glad to provide what assistance you may need if you and/or The  
Potomac News decide to look into this. Regards, Dick Ertman

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INNOVATIVE WEB ACCESS TO SHOCK MANASSAS  
SARI KREIGER, Saturday, October 18, 2003

Manassas residents will soon be the first in the United States to buy Internet access over city power lines.

The City Council voted unanimously on Thursday to grant a franchise to Prospect Street Broadband, LLC., bringing a year-long preparation process to fruition.

Residents can purchase the service within 120 days of the contract signing, which is expected to occur next week, according to Energy Services Manager Brett Massey.

In May 2002, a small pilot group of city residents and businesses began using the service. A modem is plugged into the electrical outlet on one end, and the computer on the other, to gain high-speed access to the Internet.

"They were very impressed by the speed, reliability and flexibility," said Utilities Director Allen Todd.

Freda Wallace, an administrative assistant with Robert Loveless Architecture in Old Town Manassas said the company has been receiving the service since February.

"We've had good service with it," Wallace said. "The only time it has been down is because of our equipment, or because they're testing something on the lines because it is a pilot program."

The Connecticut-based company that received the franchise will be responsible for the equipment, connection, monthly billing, advertising and 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week customer support. The city will expand the current fiber network, which is almost complete, update optical electronics and install and maintain equipment external to the residents' homes.

"The grantee will be providing most of the capital of this project and assume most of the risk," said John Hewa, assistant electric director for the City of Manassas. "There's very little financial risk to the city."

John F. Berry, chairman and CEO of Prospect Street Broadband, said the service is very easy to use and no special training is necessary. Residents can purchase the service and obtain access from any city outlet.

"You sign up once and you can sign on at home, a friend's house, the ice skating rink, where ever," Berry said.

If residents opt for this Internet service provider, they will pay approximately half of normal high-speed access, as the tentative service price is \$29.95 a month for residents, and \$69.95 for commercial access.

"It will be competitively priced and a quality service," said Vice Mayor Harry J. Parrish II.

Wallace said the service was comparable in speed to any DSL program available. "It's very fast," she said.

And as a fringe benefit, the city can also monitor power outages through this technology. Todd said the city has been trying for years to achieve that capability.

Two bids were received on Sept. 8, and Todd said the city spent a considerable amount of time examining both proposals to ensure the best outcome for residents.

"We've never had a franchise quite like this before," Todd said. "We wanted to make sure we had measures that would protect the services we promise the citizens."

The contract that the council voted to approve calls for a 10-year term, with a five-year extension. A minimum payment of \$24,000 after the first year, and \$124,000 after the second and third year is guaranteed to the city. Initial figures project that Manassas could receive up to \$4.5 million in revenue after the 10-year period.

Councilman Ulysses X. White questioned city staff about future price hikes, as he was reminiscent of a similar situation with cable television in the city.

But Todd said with competition available, residents wouldn't be stuck with high bills and no options. Rather, this new offer gives residents exactly that -- options.

Councilman Eugene R. Rainville said residents will benefit from an extra use of the electrical system their tax dollars already fund.

"Now they can get Internet at a low price," Rainville said. "I would encourage all of our citizens to at least look at it as an alternative."

And according to Parrish, residents may receive an added bonus if enough people patronize this service.

"It looks like the council might have the opportunity to look at tax

reduction," Parrish said. (via Phil Atchley, swl @ qth.net via DXLD)

#### RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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#### CLEAR CHANNEL TO INSTALL AUDEMAT-AZTEC RDS GENERATORS

Clear Channel Radio will work with Audemat-Aztec to install dynamic RDS generators across the country.

The technology will enable Clear Channel to enhance current radio broadcasts by scrolling the artist name and title playing on the air, station call letters, traffic information and other locally focused messages for immediate display on listeners' radios.

Clear Channel has committed to the largest roll out across the United States by launching the technology on 192 of its FM stations in the top 50 markets by the end of November. . .

<http://www.radioink.com/HeadlineEntry.asp?hid=114854&pt=Ink+Headlines>  
(via John Zondlo, Yukon, OK, Fmdxweb.com Oct 21, WTFDA via DXLD)

#### PROPAGATION

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#### NOAA "SPACE WEATHER" SERVICE THREATENED

The service on which many amateurs depend for reports on ionospheric conditions may have its funding sharply cut or eliminated under two versions of a Congressional spending plan for Fiscal Year 2004. The Space Environment Center, part of the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), provides "space weather" reports on solar and geomagnetic activity that affect the ionosphere, which in turn affects radio propagation. In addition, solar flares and similar events can damage satellites, so advance knowledge can help protect them. Propagation predictions in CQ and other publications depend on these space weather observations.

The Space Environment Center is actually operated jointly by NOAA and the Air Force, but its funding is in the NOAA budget. The SEC suffered a 40% budget cut in the current fiscal year, and the House budget proposal for 2004 calls for an additional 40% cut. The Senate version of the bill cuts funding for the SEC altogether, along with the somewhat cynical comment in an accompanying report that "the 'Atmospheric' in NOAA does not extend to the astral. Absolutely no funds are provided for solar observation. Such activities are rightly the bailiwick of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Air Force."

We understand from SEC staff that the House Science Committee's Environment, Technology and Standards Subcommittee will be holding a hearing next week (October 30) on the funding bill, and that letters and comments from the public will be entered into the record. If you are concerned about the possible loss of information gathered and disseminated by the SEC, you may write to the House Committee On Science, Environment, Technology and Standards Subcommittee, 2320 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515. You should direct your comments to the Chairman, Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-MI), ask that they be included in the record of the Oct. 30 hearing, and explain in NON-TECHNICAL terms how you benefit from the "space weather" services provided by the SEC, and how you would be adversely affected if those services were further reduced or eliminated.

A full list of the members of the Environment, Technology and Standards Subcommittee is below. If the list includes your Representative, and you are inclined to write, you might also send a letter or comment directly to your Representative.

House Committee on Science  
Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards

Republican Members

Vernon J. Ehlers, Michigan, Chairman  
Nick Smith, Michigan  
Gil Gutknecht, Minnesota  
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Wayne Gilchrest, Maryland  
Timothy Johnson, Illinois  
Michael Burgess, Texas

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Mark Udall, Colorado, Ranking Minority Member  
Brad Miller, North Carolina  
Lincoln Davis, Tennessee  
Brian Baird, Washington  
Jim Matheson, Utah  
Zoe Lofgren, California

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Sherwood L. Boehlert, New York, Chairman, House Science Committee  
Ralph M. Hall, Texas, Ranking Minority Member, House Science Committee

To contact any Member of Congress by e-mail, go to <http://www.house.gov> and follow prompts to find contact information for the member you want to reach.

(From the CQ Newsroom via Tomas, NW7US (AAR0JA/AAM0EWA), SWBC via  
WORLD OF RADIO 1204, DXLD)

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22 October 2003

SOLAR MAXIMUM D...J; VU

It is an established fact that intense regions of solar activity can occur at just about any time during the ~11 year solar cycle. Although they appear more frequently during the years immediately around the solar maximum, they can also occur well into the declining years closer to the solar minimum. We are currently observing one of those periods.

Not one, but TWO intense active regions are now visible on the Sun.

The first and thus far the largest region (Region 484) was mentioned in the last AstroAlert. It now covers an area of more than 5,200 million square kilometers. That is larger than the surface areas of all of the inner planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars) combined - with more than enough room left over for an additional planet having the surface area of the Earth)! Region 484 is easily visible to the unaided (but protected!) eye.

Another active region has just rotated into view around the southeastern limb of the Sun. John McConnell, an avid solar observer, notified us today that this region is now visible on the limb. Its size is still difficult to discern given its proximity to the limb. But it has proven to be a powerful sunspot complex capable of very energetic activity.

Beginning at about 1930 UT yesterday (3:30 pm EDT) and while still behind the east limb of the Sun, this region produced a long-duration flare. The tops of the solar explosion were visible as the activity rose above the surface of the Sun. Several hours later, at 0324 UT on 22 October (or 11:24 pm EDT on 21 October), this region produced a very long duration solar flare. X-rays from this event remained above M-class levels for a remarkable 8 full hours! The total energy released from this event was comparable to the energy released in a typical major X-class solar flare. Coronal mass ejections were associated with both of these events.



As this region rotates toward the Earth over the next week, it may produce additional coronal mass ejections capable of producing stronger space weather storms and associated periods of stronger auroral activity ("Northern Lights").

Either of these two strong centers of solar activity are capable of producing minor to major solar flares.

\*\* End of the AstroAlert Bulletin \*\*

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#### HF/MF RADIO PROPAGATION OUTLOOK

I will publish a complete HF/MF propagation outlook later today. Coronal Hole #063 has finally released it's grip on the Earth's magnetic field, allowing the Kp index to temporarily drop back to unsettled Kp-3 to active Kp-4 conditions late yesterday evening.

Unfortunately the two partially geoeffective Coronal Mass Ejections released from the Sun on 03/10/18-19 have arrived. As I forecasted on 03/10/20 minor Kp-5 to moderate Kp-6 geomagnetic storming has begun and should continue for the next 24 hours.

To make matters even worse a full halo geoeffective Coronal Mass Ejection was released on 03/10/20 at 0249 UTC from a small C7.8 solar flare. The CME should begin impacting Earth's magnetic field sometime tomorrow UTC and could trigger a strong Kp-7 to severe Kp-8 geomagnetic storm. Higher latitudes may even experience extreme conditions Kp-9.

Bottom line, for the next 72 hour time period high latitude propagation paths for LF, MF and HF signals will be poor with some short term mid latitude propagation path degradation also. On the MF AM broadcast band it will be a good time to log stations south of the magnetic equator :<( 73, (Thomas F. Giella, KN4LF, Oct 22, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Geomagnetic activity ranged from quiet to severe storm levels. The period began at mostly quiet to unsettled levels with isolated active periods. A recurrent high speed coronal hole stream became geoeffective late on the 13th. The geomagnetic field response was unsettled to major storming at all latitudes with occasional severe storm levels at higher latitudes, on the 14th and 15th, tapering off

to very isolated major storm levels by the 16th and 17th. Elevated solar wind speeds and periods of sustained southward Bz prolonged the disturbance through the end of the period: Unsettled to minor storm levels were observed on the 18th, and again on the 19th, with occasional major storm periods at higher latitudes on the 19th.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 22 OCTOBER - 17 NOVEMBER

Solar activity is expected to range from low to high levels. Moderate to high levels are expected for the first half of the period due to active regions in the eastern solar hemisphere. Region 484 is a very large and complex active region, capable of producing M and X-class activity. Activity on the SE limb late in the period suggests another considerably active region will rotate into view early in the forecast period and further enhance the probability for a major flare. Solar activity levels should decrease for the latter half of the period as these active regions rotate around the west limb.

There is a possibility for a greater than 10 MeV proton events at geosynchronous orbit during the first half of the period.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels on 22 ñ 26 October, 3 ñ 4 November, and again on 10 - 17 November.

The geomagnetic field is expected to range from quiet to major storm levels during the period. A coronal hole currently in a geoeffective position will produce unsettled to minor storm levels on the 22nd and 23rd. There is a chance for some transient effects on the 23rd and 24th due to recent CME activity on the eastern hemisphere, but most CME material did not appear to have an earthward component. Geomagnetic activity for the remainder of October through early November is expected to be mostly quiet to unsettled with isolated active periods (barring any CME impact). Isolated minor to major storm periods are possible on 09 ñ 17 November due to a high speed coronal hole stream.

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